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For Boston and vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight, with light south winds; Saturday, fair and warmer, with fresh northeast to southeast winds.
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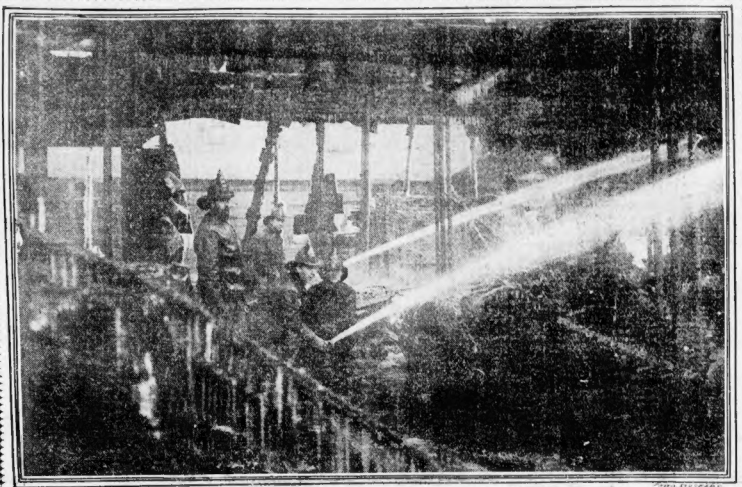
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FRIDAY

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CHARLESTOWN BLAZE GAINS NEW HEADWAY



VIEW OF INTERIOR OF BURNING PIER OF HOOSAC TUNNEL DOCKS, FIREMEN PLAYING ON RUINS

**G. H. NORMAN,
RICH SOCIETY
MAN, ROBBED**

Three Men Grappled With Him
at Back Bay Station,
Getting \$90.

George N. Norman, a wealthy society man of Boston, New York and Newport, victim of a daring hold-up and robbery at the Back Bay station last night, went to his headquarters today as a man of fortune. Norman, who is a member of the Back Bay station, was held up by three men who forced him to surrender his money and jewelry. Norman was held up by three men who forced him to surrender his money and jewelry. Norman was held up by three men who forced him to surrender his money and jewelry.

**PEACE CONGRESS
FUNDS ARE ASKED**

Edwin D. Mead and Benjamin F. Trueblood, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Peace Congress held in New York, have issued a statement in which they ask the public to contribute to the fund for the purpose of maintaining the peace.

**WOMAN STRICKEN AT
TABLE; WILL DIE**

Miss Annie Dible, fifty years old, is suffering at her home, No. 25 West End street, from an apoplectic shock which will, it is believed, result in her death. She was taken home yesterday afternoon.

HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH

Max Goldstein, who is alleged to have killed the death of Louis Rosenberg at the North End last night, is being held by the police for the purpose of being tried for the murder.

**JAPS WITHIN TWELVE MILES OF MUKDEN.
BIG BATTLE RAGES!**

GEN. OYAMA, REINFORCED BY 60,000 FRESH TROOPS, BEGINS A GENERAL ADVANCE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The second battle of the Sakke River, between the immense armies of Russia and Japan, has begun. General Oyama has ordered a general advance, and his armies are within twelve miles of Mukden, fiercely bombarding the defenses of Kuro-patkin. The sound of the Japanese machine guns and rifles, as well as of the heavy artillery, can be heard in Mukden. Oyama, reinforced by 60,000 fresh Japanese troops, has again assumed the offensive, and it is expected the battle just begun will exceed those of the Sakke and the first Sakke river fight, and probably prove the decisive engagement of the first year's campaign.

**FEAR MANY KILLED IN
GREAT GAS EXPLOSION**

CHICAGO RESERVOIR BLOWN TO PIECES TO-DAY—175 MEN IN DANGER.

By Boston American Special Wire. CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—A terrific explosion at the Hyde Park supply station which blew a huge gas reservoir to pieces, many persons are believed to have been killed and injured today. One hundred and seventy-five men are employed about and near the scene of the explosion. Calls for all the ambulances and police wagons available have been turned in. The scene of the accident is at Seventy-third street and Woodlawn avenue in Grand Crossing, a southern suburb of Chicago.

IN LAW SIXTY YEARS. KALATOWA, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Judge Charles K. Lester, aged eighty, the oldest member of the Saratoga county bar, who practiced his profession for sixty years, is dead. He was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1824.

**FIRE
SPREADS**

Big Elevator Threatened by Flames That Firemen Have Fought Since Midnight at the Hoosac Tunnel Docks—Loss Already Half a Million.

The fire which has been burning since midnight on Pier 5, of the Hoosac Tunnel Docks, in Charlestown, burst out afresh this afternoon, and for a time menaced Pier 4 and the Hoosac Tunnel Grain Elevator. Assistant Chief Hussey, in charge of the nine engine companies which were pouring as many streams of water on the blazing ruins, redispersed his force to check the new outbreak.

The east wind had freshened and fanned the blaze, blowing it directly toward Pier No. 4. Under the direction of the firemen, the large store of merchandise on Pier No. 4 was removed as fast as possible, and the pier was soaked with water. The fire is smoldering in tons of baled hay and cotton on Pier No. 5.

Hoseman Wall, of Engine Company No. 6, in attempting to catch a line of hose thrown from the fireboat to the pier, fell overboard. He was unable to swim in his heavy rubber clothing, and had gone down for the third time when Joseph Wood, of Engine No. 6, plunged into the icy water and brought him to the surface.

Both Wood and Wall were taken on board the fireboat and hurried into the boiler room, where they were dried and rubbed and given dry clothing.

The John C. Paige Insurance Agency announced shortly before noon today that the loss would approximate half a million dollars. The pier itself, which was 500 feet long, was worth \$100,000, and it was loaded with valuable merchandise. The smoke from the burning pile is so dense that it hangs like a huge black cloud over that section of the city, obscuring the neighboring docks.

The police patrol boat Watchman patrolled the other wharves, on the lookout for fire, and squads of firemen were stationed on all the neighboring piers during the forenoon. (Owing to the northeast gale, there was great danger of a spread of the conflagration, in spite of the vigilance of the fire fighters.) The pier was stored with baled cotton, wool, pulp, leather, oil, whiskey, sugar and other merchandise. All of these, together with one freight car belonging to the Boston & Maine Railroad, which was on a siding, are a total loss.

Water Main Burst. Early today the main in Water street burst, and the engine at work there had to be removed to side street attachments. There was no lack of water, however, and the firemen were not hampered in their operations. The gale rebuffed today on a siding, are a total loss.

Accused He Is Freed. NEW BEDFORD, Nov. 18.—James Francis, who is charged with the murder of the woman at the North End last night, was freed today on bail. He was discharged on a condition of good behavior.

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**CURED OF LONG STANDING
COUGH BY FATHER JOHN'S
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Mr. E. S. Daley of 338 Wood Avenue, Reading, Pa., writes: "Father John's Medicine has cured me of a long standing lung trouble and cough. I recommend it to those who have suffered for years, as I have." It builds you up at the same time it cures the cough, or cold.

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GIRLS VANQUISH MEN IN HONOR RACE AT TUFTS



AMIE E. CURRIER
WINNER OF SECOND PRIZE AT TUFTS.

Miss Fuller and Miss Currier, Both of Everett, Take First and Second Place.

The women who took part in the annual dog show at Tufts today were not only the prettiest but also the most intelligent. They were all well-dressed and their dogs were of the best breeds. The judges were very strict and the competition was very keen.

Thought Him Gold.
The poor little fellow who was found in the gutter last night was not a dog, but a boy. He was found by a passerby and taken to the police station. The boy was very young and appeared to be in good health. The police are trying to find out who his parents are.

Don't Mind the Signs.
The signs posted on the streets of Boston are not to be taken too seriously. They are only there to inform the public of certain regulations. The police are not to be bothered by the signs if they are properly placed.

Should Be Left Alone.
The man who was found in the gutter last night should have been left alone. He was not a dog and he did not belong in the gutter. The police should have taken better care of him.

Inevitable Disappointments.
The men who were in the dog show at Tufts today were not disappointed. They were all well-dressed and their dogs were of the best breeds. The judges were very strict and the competition was very keen.

18 HOURS IN OPEN BOAT IN FIERCE SEA.
A man who was found in the gutter last night was not a dog, but a boy. He was found by a passerby and taken to the police station. The boy was very young and appeared to be in good health. The police are trying to find out who his parents are.

4 HOURS IN OPEN BOAT IN FIERCE SEA.
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Parents' Heroic Efforts Save Five Children from Burning.

The five children, ranging in age from two months to four years, were saved in a most thrilling manner by their parents early on the morning of the fire. The fire broke out in the kitchen and the parents immediately tried to extinguish it. They succeeded in saving the children but the house was completely destroyed.

Found a Fire.
The fire broke out in the kitchen and the parents immediately tried to extinguish it. They succeeded in saving the children but the house was completely destroyed. The fire was caused by a gas stove that was not properly maintained.

Twins Were Rescued.
The twins were rescued by their parents who were very brave. They managed to get the children out of the house before the fire spread. The twins are now in good health and are being cared for by their parents.

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The results of the election in Connecticut show that 4,476 votes were cast for the Dees party. This is a significant victory for the party and shows the support of the voters.

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ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

The Democrats of Boston, in caucus, gave Salem D. Clarke the two-fifths for street commissioner, with 5,470 votes, over James H. Doyle. The total vote was something over 40,000, and the result was much closer than was expected.

Charles, who was the candidate of the Democratic organization, carried twenty of the twenty-eight wards, but Doyle carried the wards with the heaviest votes. His plurality in his own ward was 500.

Corineia J. Keyes, an independent Democratic candidate, received 254 votes.

The Republican nomination for Street Commissioner was given to Guy C. Emerson, in spite of there being no opposition.

The candidate for Aldermen was:

Democrat.

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Fred Tulliver of Nashua, N. H., has been arrested by the State police on the charge of stealing the valuable gold medal that Queen Victoria presented to George Peabody from the rooms of the Peabody Insti-

Through carelessness on the part of the chief the haul he made was a very small one, as he overlooked the sum of \$300 in cash in the safe and other valuable relics, contenting himself with the medal and a keywatch, which was pawned in a Lynn watchshop for \$7, where State Detective Proctor, who arrested Talliper, located it. Talliper has been identified by the

The wedding of Miss Catherine Bancroft and William David Haviland, whose engagement was announced at the coming-out reception and tea given at the Bancroft home, will take place on the 21st of the next known Cambridge families will be firmly well-remembered by the manufacture of fine cloth. For Mr. Haviland is a son of the famous Haviland of Limoges, France, a member of the firm that makes Haviland china.

Mr. Haviland's father is one of three brothers in the firm, descendants of the young man who is affianced to Miss Bancroft was a classmate of Miss Bancroft's in 1902. Although the announcement was made in the *Advertiser*, the families have been quietly engaged for nearly twenty years and the Cambridge society was much

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**Boston Woman Gets Resolution
Through for Equal Suffrage
Without Opposition.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—The American Federation of Labor, representing 2,000,000 workers, has passed without opposition a resolution by Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, of Boston, declaring for equal suffrage for women. The effect of this may be far-reaching.

Owing to a long fight in the Chicago convention, the American Federation of Labor has not yet been taken up. The Chicago branch has been suspended and the entire matter referred to a committee.

So many resolutions regarding the eight-hour day question were presented that it was recommended that all legislation pertaining to the short work day be referred to a special committee of fourteen.

An Impression which has prevailed among New England trade unionists that the Canadian government had passed a law preventing the sending of American and other trade union organizers into that country was dispelled by John Flett, fraternal delegate from the Canadian labor congress, who gave assurance that though the Canadian Senate did pass the bill it did not become law. Mr. Flett, William Abraham, M. P., and James Wignall, of Toronto, were the convention on labor trade in the evening.

Under the guidance of a policeman, a party of Massachusetts delegates visited the show places of Chinnatown.

The special Thanksgiving number of the great comic section of next Sunday's DAILY NEWS AMERICAN will be hilarious funny Sunday. No matter what entertainment you have provided for Thanksgiving, it will not be complete without the fun of the comic section. Little Jimmy runs for turkey. Happy Hooligan also pursues a fowl, with his remarkable brothers, Mount Gormley and Jimmy Finn. Little Katy annoys uncle dreadfully, and the greatest of the effort of the Katterhorns. Little Katy has to tough it screaming, and rescues a blue gnatcatcher. Lenderle wins

MARY K. O'SULLIVAN,
Boston delegate to A. E. of L., now
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Vermont Awaits Decision of the
Legislative Committee on
Mrs. Rogers's Case.

Specialists in the Boston American.—MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 18.—The chief subject of speculation, not only in the Legislature and the hotels, but throughout the State of Vermont, is what action the Judiciary Committee will take on the bill to commute Mrs. Rogers' death sentence, which was referred to the committee by the House of Representatives. The report will come in after the Thanksgiving recess.

The general opinion among the members of the Legislature is that the committee will not recommend the commutation of the sentence. It is believed that the action of the committee in this respect will be a severe capital punishment to the State prisoners in Andover, on the next day.

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Of Course Woman Is a Paradox

That Is Exactly Why She Is Irresistible

Of course she is. So is every other woman in the world. That is what makes her fascinating, charming, irresistible.

We are surprised that Mrs. Wilcox should seem to deplore the fact that woman is a paradox, and that being inconsistent seems her chief aim in life.

These qualities are born with every woman who enters the world to brighten it and make it better.

If there is one thing above other that is certain to delight man it is a paradox, a surprise, an agreeable disappointment. And even a disagreeable disappointment adds a zest and spice to life that is infinitely preferable to no disappointment at all.

Why do you laugh at a good story, a good joke, or a funny picture? Because there is something in each that surprises you—something you did not expect.

Why are you thrilled with a strong play, or absorbed in a good novel? Because the unexpected is constantly happening. Why do you find that with all its troubles, tragedies and heartbreaks this life is worth living after all?

It is because you are contented with what you have done, or because you are waiting expectantly to find out what is going to happen to-morrow, or next week, or next year?

If you know exactly what would be to-morrow's programme, what you would do to-night, or to-morrow night, you would take no interest in it. It is the element of surprise that always holds you, and makes the mysterious future so interesting.

And that is why woman is beyond all other creatures the most delightful.

She represents in her complicated makeup the very principle that underlies all human interest—surprise, paradox.

She has said "no" so many times when she meant "yes" that it has become a proverb.

When she is overcome with joy she falls to weeping as if her heart would break.

When she is expected to fall in love with some man who would make her an ideal husband, she scorns him and selects the very person her parents least wanted her to marry.

You never know what a woman is going to do. The sage who has studied profoundly the ways of all women in all ages does not in the least understand his own wife.

The young society man who thinks he knows exactly how to please a woman, and in fact makes pleasing her his one aim in life, is likely to be ruthlessly cast aside for some gruff fellow who could not be courteous or chivalrous if it were to save his life.

Women of refinement and education will fall hopelessly in love with their father's coachman.

Stern, masculine men are almost sure to admire gentleness and timidity in men, and delicate, sensitive girls usually are charmed only by rough, uncouth persons of the opposite sex.

In her household, on the street, in the store, women are always the same—that is, they are always different.

If you take a woman to a football game her conversation is delightful because it is unexpected. She will get the most unusual point of view, and insist on talking about the game as she sees it, being utterly oblivious to anything you try to tell her about what is really going on.

She discusses politics, religion, history, in the same original fashion. She is keen, shrewd, intuitive, and her opinions, however remarkable they may seem, are always of great value, but they never come in the form that you think they will.

In her dress she is as surprising as in her conversation, as this newspaper has more than once sorrowfully pointed out.

She scornfully rejects the most comfortable of clothing and the most becoming hats and footwears for garments that the inquisitor would have gladly hailed as new and terrible instruments of torture.

With her fads, her avocations, her pastimes, she is equally various and unexpected.

Poets, scholars, statesmen, scientists and thinkers of all ages have devoted much time and deep thought to the study of woman, and the sum total of human knowledge about her is no greater to-day than it was when Adam took the apple from Eve.

That is exactly the reason that the study is still absorbing and why the poets, statesmen and scientists of future ages will wrestle as eagerly with the same study, and with as little chance of solving it.

We repeat that we are surprised at Mrs. Wilcox. She has written to and about women for several years, and it seems incomprehensible that she has not learned that being paradoxical is not only woman's most marked characteristic, but also her greatest charm.

The Horse Show Is for the Horse

Alleged Humorists to the Contrary, Notwithstanding

Reporters, poets and others who go to the Horse Show in New York for the purpose of describing it are fond of saying that it is a show for gowns and millinery, rather than for horses.

While there is some truth in this assertion, it would be well to remember that, in spite of jokes to the contrary, the horse really does play a very important part in the show.

Lovers of good horses, whether they are able to own them or not, go to Madison Square Garden to see and admire the animals they have learned to respect and love.

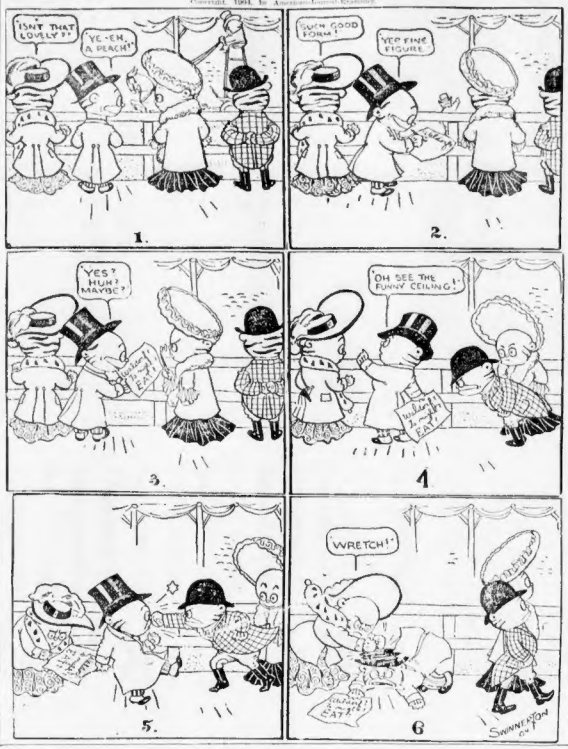
Grooms, who perhaps understand and know horses better than their fashionable owners, go to the show in companies, and spend hours gazing over the beauties of some new entry or late prize winner.

Children beg to go to the show, not because they want to admire expensive creations of the dress-maker's art, but because they love to see horses. They flock about the ring by hundreds, eagerly chattering about the beautiful animals they see.

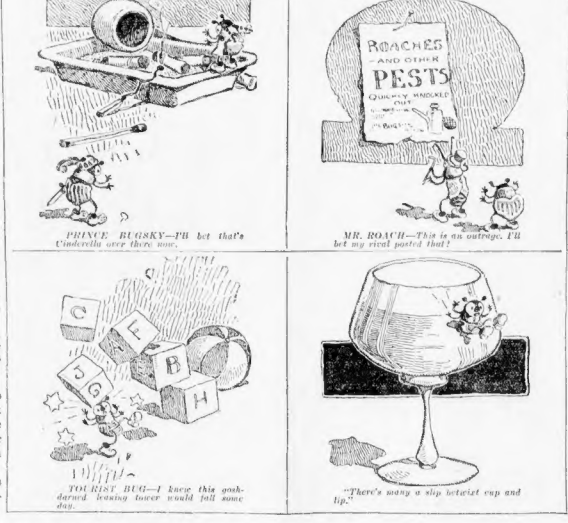
In New York horses are so plentiful that they are taken as a matter of course. An exhibition which calls attention to their variety and beauty would be well worth holding, even if everybody who attended it were compelled to wear unadorned black.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says regretfully:
American women love peace, but they dearly love a bloody battle.
They hate war, but they love warriors; they despise a monarch, but worship royalty.
In fact, the American woman is a paradox.

"MR. JACK" AT THE HORSE SHOW



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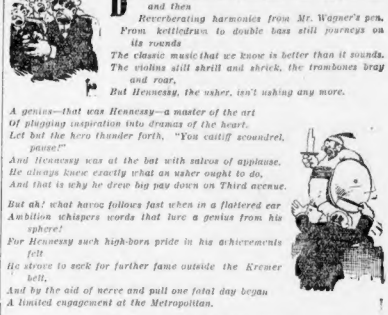


KNOCKO THE MONK



Hennessy the Usher

By James Montague



A prince—that was Hennessy—a master of the art of playing inspiration into the hands of the heart. Let but the hero thunder forth, "You couldst'nt crowd, please!" And Hennessy was at the bat with sulcus of applause. He always knew exactly what an usher ought to do. And that is why he drew big pay down from Third Avenue. But ah! what havoc follows just when in a flattered ear Audition whisperers words that lure a genius from his sphere! For Hennessy such high-born pride in his achievements felt. He strove to seek for farther fame outside the Kremer hall. And by the aid of nerve and pull one fatal day began A limited engagement at the Metropolitan.

On Hennessy's initial night, before the curtain rose, He said, "Whate'er is de show, wif me f' play, it goes!" And from the foyer, where he stood, with eager eye and keen, He watched the above unfolding of the plot of "Lohengrin." As each great singer seemed to strive to win applause in vain The narrow brow of Hennessy was furrowed with disdain. And then the duet scene began. The proud and portly knight Laid heavy blows and heavier songs both him left and right. Until before him on the stage, defeated, stabbed and stung, But singing still, repared the form of valiant Telemund. 'Twas then that Hennessy perceived, with clearness naught could dim, That all the rest of it was now distinctly up to him.

"Wake up!" he thundered angrily. "Is all yonse people asleep?" A great big finish fight like dat, en' never gets a hand? Get busy dere an' work yer mitts, git up an' sell an' shout!

De guy in boiler-plate has won; de other bloke is out! Why, staked along wif dat dere pug Jim Jeffries is a slooter!" And loquacious on a vacant seat he shouted madly, "GREAT!"

The works of Mr. Wagner still quite frequently are heard. De Reszke still sings "Lohengrin" for fifteen bucks a week. The tympani and fagelhorn, the harp and sarraphone still strenuously strive to make their fierce voices known. The audience still talks aloud behind the sheltering score.

But Hennessy, the usher, isn't ushing any more.

The Mystery of Life

By Prof. Garrett P. Serviss.

Curious, isn't it? As Andrew-John-Ethan, must make the same supposition for all of us. We may not be true that there can be no life without prior life. It would be as correct to say that there can be no matter without preceding matter. But we know neither a beginning nor an end of matter.

We can neither create it nor destroy it. No force of nature acting upon matter can do more than change its form or state. It cannot be driven out of existence. It cannot be produced when we will. Life, whether it be a molecule or a man, is simply an aggregation of the particles of matter held in temporary combination. When the combination falls apart "death" occurs.

If we suppose that any immaterial spirit infused in one of these temporary combinations of matter was the cause of the manifestations called "life" in that particular combination, then we have a "ghost" in the machine.

Little Editorials from the People
If our readers agree with the two (JANUARY) positions in favor of six-cent gas, or if they have any cause for complaint against the Gas Trust on account of excessive bills or unjust treatment, we will be glad to print brief letters from them in the hope that publicity will aid in abolishing these grievances. Send letters to Gas Petition Editor, BOSTON AMERICAN, 80-82 Summer Street.

A CATHOLIC CAN BECOME PRESIDENT
Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:
I would like to ask whether a Catholic can become President of the United States. If not, will you please tell me why?
Worcester, Mass. JOHN H. HALLAHAN.

Certainly a Catholic can become President of the United States. The only qualification for the office prescribed in the Constitution is that he be President of a man born in a territory of the United States, at least thirty years old, and for seven years previous to his election, a resident of the United States. In the past there has been no restriction against Catholics who could be elected President. It is true that there have been no Catholics who have been elected President, but that is because they have not been elected. There is no reason in a country where religion is free to a fundamental principle why a Catholic, as well as a Protestant, should not be elected President.

WANTS DEMOCRATS TO MAKE THEIR OWN PLATFORM
Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:
I saw it stated in another Boston paper that the new president in the leadership of the Democratic party are depending for their future career on the line of policy pursued by the Republican party. Would it not be a grand idea for them to stand on a platform of their own making, regardless of any party now in existence? They must, however, be going to be followers at least, who do they not suppose their platform will be? I am sure it will be a platform of their own making. If they are to be the party of the future, they must be the party of the future.

WILTON E. THAKK.

WOULD HAVE HAD THE PEOPLE'S VOICE
Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:
I am sure that the election was a masterpiece. The truth of your statements in that editorial must have impressed its numerous readers. In your editorial you gave value to the sentiments of the Democrats and indicated how they felt about the election. I am sure that the people's voice, had it been heard, would have been the voice of the people's voice. I am sure that the people's voice, had it been heard, would have been the voice of the people's voice.

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